THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 7th March 1947.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Inclusion of menial staff in regular establishments.

* 76 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: With reference to answer to Question No. 53 and supplementary questions and answers to it on the 11th September 1946, will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health and Medicine be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to include all the 'menial' staff employed in the hospitals in the regular establishment;

(*b*) whether the question of providing leave reserve for the menial staff is under consideration;

(*c*) whether all the menial staff employed in Government hospitals will be governed by leave rules applicable to other public servants; and

(*d*) whether the members of the menial staff who retire prematurely would be entitled to gratuity or proportionate pension?

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI:—"(*a*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Cabinet Salaries Committee have made certain recommendations regarding the conversion of a portion of the contingent establishment and the grant of leave on pay and gratuity for such establishment. The Surgeon-General has been requested to submit proposals for giving effect to these recommendations.

"(*b*) A Committee constituted by the Surgeon-General to examine and report on the conditions of service of hospital workers has made certain suggestions in the matter, which are under consideration separately."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"May I know whether the Cabinet Sub-Committee's Report has given reasons why only a portion of the menial staff is to be employed on a permanent basis."

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI:—"The Salaries Sub-Committee recommended that only such of those contingent labour as is required for the efficient conduct of each department should be made permanent and not the entire lot of contingent establishment."

Distribution of mill cloth in Malabar.

* 77 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the distribution of mill cloth in Malabar district is to be entrusted exclusively to the producers-cum-consumers' co-operative societies;